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Atom Bomb Condemned

The public has been kept ignorant of the attitude and reactions to the atom bomb of the scientists who worked on the development of atomic energy. The suppression of this challenging story prevents the average citizen from knowing that those whose researches made possible the harnessing of this mighty source of power oppose its use for destructive purposes. Seventeen scientists who have been subjected to overpowering military and government censorship—to the point of being made virtual prisoners—now threaten to strike unless the censorship is lifted and they may go to work on planning for the constructive use of atomic energy to benefit mankind.

Reaction of Scientists

One spokesman for the group, Dr. Samuel Allison, head of the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, declared that the manner in which the new atomic developments were disclosed to the public was a great tragedy. He said that he and his fellow scientists had hoped the power of the atomic bomb would be demonstrated on an unoccupied island or in Japanese home waters with the same effect of speeding the Japanese surrender, and he roundly denounced the use of the second bomb on Nagasaki.

A similar reaction has come from Dr. Lise Meitner, the woman scientist whose work on atomic energy was of outstanding importance. The papers played up at length the fact that Dr. Meitner was a refugee from the Nazis, but suppressed word of her opposition to atomic bombs.

"When the original research began before the war," said Dr. Meitner, "nothing was further from our minds than the utilization of this energy for the manufacture of bombs. When the theoretical possibility of such utilization was discovered, I, like any other responsible person, hoped that its practical realization would not be possible. The scientist is ever awestruck at the discovery of the laws of nature, and to use these laws for the construction of weapons which might lead to the an-

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A FEW MONTHS AGO a certain patriotic citizen became very angry with us because we said that we knew many good Germans who hated Hitler and had had nothing to do with the Nazis. "There are no good Germans," he shouted. "My boy is over there fighting them. They are all beasts, morons, savages!" Now that particular citizen has just learned that his son, like many other GI's, is marrying a German girl and will bring her home with him before long! Love and truth are forever overcoming hatred and propaganda, but hate and propaganda always make the most noise.

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MacArthur and Japan

The Christian layman can be grateful for what General MacArthur is doing in Japan. And because MacArthur has been trying to follow a sane line of reconstruction in helping the Japanese to help themselves, rather than following the pressure interests of the hate specialists, imperialists and jingoists, the General is under fire from Washington and London. Our State Department doesn't like what MacArthur is doing because it doesn't fall in line with London interests and the Dutch and French empire plans—which have, unfortunately, been foremost in the State Department's concern.

The United States communists and left-wingers are fighting MacArthur because he is doing a fine job without Soviet help! The "white supremacy" cliques in Washington and elsewhere are attacking him because he is not trying to starve and kill civilians, women and children, but is actually finding thousands of Japanese citizens, many of them former prominent leaders, who were in prison or in hiding during the rule of the Japanese military and who are now eager to cooperate to build a peaceful, democratic, Christian Japan. It is worthy of note that nearly all of MacArthur's new leaders are Christian men, products of our missionary efforts. **The enemies of America's future world relations are no longer as much in Tokyo as they are in Washington, in New York and perhaps right next door to you** . . . wherever racial hatred and selfishness dominate reason and justice.

While in Europe . . .

Contrast what MacArthur is doing swiftly and thoroughly in Japan with this singleness of purpose with what has happened in Europe, where cross currents of selfish interests have all but destroyed the peace. The United Nations organization, established at San Francisco last spring, as yet exists only on paper. The Big Five's Council of Foreign Ministers ended in a debacle, and no decisions have yet been made over Italy—after nearly two years of Allied occupation.

On top of this is the unspeakable condition of present day Germany where a policy of so-called "realism" has turned the whole country into a foul mess. More Germans are hungry now than when the Nazis were in power—and it is getting worse by the day. Thousands of GI's are beginning to feel more sympathy for the Germans than for the Allies. As one prominent American Army officer, associated with the Allied administration in Berlin, said to reporters:

"This winter we face starving Germans, freezing Germans and food rioting Germans. I don't know what will happen if American soldiers are ordered to shoot famishing, frost-bitten civilians for breaking into food depots. The war is over, and no propaganda can make the average GI believe that those kids playing in the sand and those women carrying bags of wormy potatoes, are equally guilty with Hitler, Himmler and Goebbels. Americans are not vindictive or vengeful."

This same Army officer believes that the Russians will withdraw their troops from German soil before any of the Allies "because Russia is already proceeding along a realistic path by creating the nucleus of a centralized German gov-

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nihilation of mankind is blasphemy to him. May the first two atom bombs be the last ones . . . The energy liberated must find application to raise the prosperity of all nations."

Reaction of Clergy

Similarly, world prominent religious figures vigorously condemn use of the atom bomb, although all such statements are generally suppressed while all favorable comment is widely published. One British churchman, Bishop C. M. Chavasse, pointed out that Britons have traditionally protested indiscriminate slaughter in warfare but that they apparently closed their eyes to the knowledge that the atom bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had ruthlessly wiped out 300,000 noncombatants.

"Are we a nation of arch-hypocrites?" he asked. "Are we going to hang Germans for doing what we ourselves have done so very much better than they? It may be argued that circumstances alter cases and that our resort to indiscriminate bombing was justified, seeing that it shortened the war, saved thousands of lives and was in any case a just retribution for atrocities to prisoners.

"How little we shortened the war by employing the atomic bomb was revealed when, on surrender, it was found that the Japanese had only about one tank of oil left in the country at the end of the war. In any case, a warning demonstration in some obsolete area should have been attempted."

Religious Cooperation

Dutch Protestants returned from Belgium are spreading a new interfaith tolerance because of the help they received from Belgian Catholics while taking refuge in the neighbor country. The Worldover Press reports that Catholics wholeheartedly aided in the establishment of Protestant schools, found buildings for meetings, and helped provide food. Protestants are seeking to repay by making their experiences known among Dutch church circles.

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ernment inside the Red Army zone," whereas the American-occupied territory in Germany is being kept disorganized and poverty-stricken.

"It is unnatural and synthetic," said the officer, "and this kind of policy only creates hatred and prejudice. For years the leading economists, financiers, and politicians have expanded the theory that a millionaire cannot live happily next door to the poorhouse. Even if Germany never regains its real national status—if it continues divided into various foreign-controlled zones—the present 80 million unhappy, dissatisfied, wretched people in the center of Europe will become a potential danger to the rest of the world.

"The only way we can teach Germans freedom is by showing them what real freedom is, and not by perpetuating a regime of force and punishment and tyranny."

Revolt in Asia

Severe censorship has been clamped down by empire officials on news of revolts against restored white domination in Asia. In French Indo-China the news got out, also some echoes were heard of trouble in Dutch territories. But the British have rushed planes, ships, guns and men to help France regain control in Indo-China and to assist the Dutch in Java, Borneo and elsewhere. Also in Burma and Malaya, widespread revolts are occurring against returning white rule. Thousands of yellow and brown men are being killed and imprisoned by the British, French and Dutch throughout Asia as representatives of these white countries return to their empires after their deliverance by American manpower. Is that what we fought for? Why don't our papers and radios tell about these atrocities as they did about Japanese brutalities against the same people in the same areas?

Moving Spotlight

Co-ops in Foreign Trade

Cooperative movement leaders are suggesting that the consumer cooperative system be utilized in large-scale international trade. American wheat, for example, could through co-ops be exchanged directly for British manufactured goods, thus eliminating the middlemen and financiers and the difficult barriers of credit which now obstruct foreign trade. Such a plan had been carried out before the war when American petroleum co-ops traded gasoline and other oil products to British co-ops in exchange for tea. The co-ops could thus save the crumbling capitalistic structure from further disintegration, and world-wide standards of living could be raised by cooperative mutual trade.

The International Cooperative Alliance, which met in London recently, put forth these proposals, claiming that "the expansion of trade on cooperative lines is the perfect answer to the growing tendency for the intrusion of governments in the regulation of foreign commerce." But big finance and big business are doing everything possible to block all such use of co-ops because of the threat to the present profit and investment structure which so often syphons profits into the hands of a few instead of redistributing the profits to the many who have had a creative part in production. That sharing of profits by those who produce is the real aim of true capitalism and free enterprise as established and practiced by our forefathers.

Negro Surgeons Recognized

In the issue of July 30, 1945, Between the Lines reported that Negro surgeons were seeking recognition from the American College of Surgeons which at that time was making a study of this situation. We can now add to that report the fact that the College of Surgeons has accepted applications for membership from three Negro surgeons, Dr. George D. Thorne, Dr. Ralph Young and Dr. James Whittaker, all of New York.

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circles.

Flier to be Missionary

Believing that "the Japs haven't had a chance spiritually," S/Sgt. Jacob D. Deshazer, a Doolittle flier who spent forty-one months in a Japanese prison camp, has expressed his intention of returning to Japan as a Christian missionary. Sgt. Deshazer is now undergoing treatment at the Walter Reed Hospital for malnutrition and mistreatment at the hands of his Japanese captors, but he said that his religious faith had kept his spirit strong throughout the years of imprisonment and that his decision to study for mission service grew out of Jesus' teaching to "Love your enemies; bless them that persecute you; do good unto them that hate you . . ."

Cartel Danger Pointed Out

International monopoly agreements, many of which now exist in rubber, tin, oil, chemicals and other products, threaten to destroy such cooperative ventures as the Bretton Woods monetary plan and the trade agreements act to authorize negotiated cuts in United States tariffs, Assistant Secretary of State, William L. Clayton, warned recently.

"The efforts of a single country to control restrictive trade practiced by an international combine may, in the absence of intergovernmental cooperation, be severely handicapped," he said. Mr. Clayton explained that cartels can dodge prosecution in the United States by establishing themselves in a country whose laws are more lenient.

Mr. Clayton is closely associated with big business and his attitude toward the cartel problem is significant. Monopoly interests can make private agreements to divide up markets, restrict production and fix prices, thus undermining the United States trade policy which is to wipe out trade barriers, increase international trade and productivity and improve the well-being of nations. And cartels are expected now to increase in power with the close of hostilities.

Statesmen have not yet been able to formulate a defense against cartels that is proof against setting up a super-bureaucracy which might in time inject government control in business.

WHERE NOW?

Here is one of America's greatest post-war problems. Literally millions of American families have been living in emotional and spiritual disorder. Children are passing through the most important formative years of their lives without a stabilized family background. Parental guidance and discipline have been at a minimum. Easy money has meant easy morals. Unless this situation is remedied speedily as the big push of war begins to slacken, the years to come will take a dreadful toll of this country in terms of moral, spiritual —and yes—economic stamina. A prompt return to habits of worship, parental responsibility and spiritual anchorage is imperative.

Palestine

The American people are not being allowed to know much of the Palestine problem although it has suddenly become of primary importance. Thousands of Jews died in Europe because Palestine has been barred to further immigration. The British, dependent upon Arabian oil, felt that they could not dare to offend the aroused Arabs. However, millions of Jews in America have stirred strong sentiments throughout the country for opening Palestine. Pressure on Congress and the White House has become terrific.

In the meantime, however, the British have carried out a plan of sharing Arabian oil with American oil companies in order to get American armed power as protection in the Near East against Russian pressure from the north. So American oil companies also join British empire leaders in opposing emphatically large-scale Palestine immigration for fear of arousing the Arabian world. And the Arabs aren't kidding. They are arming themselves throughout the entire Near East for a "holy crusade" if the Jews start coming in. The British say that if American pressure for Jewish immigration continues, we must send ships and men to help hold the Arabs down. There are reports circulating in Washington that some American forces are actually moving toward the Near East. Thus wars are made of the strange mixture of blood and oil.

Labor-Management Issues

Keep your eyes on the important labor-management conference to be held in Washington early in November. The decisive issues that lie behind this meeting of leading business and labor figures are briefly:

1. Will business agree to move along into a new era of smaller profits at the top, bigger wages, faster production turnover, a general acceleration of our entire economic system, and
2. Will participation of labor representation be permitted in management which is a very hot issue?

These are points the public hears little about but which are at the foundation of our present industrial strife.

Religious Undercurrents in the Argentine

Have you noticed that there has not been one word in the press or over the air concerning the spiritual background of the turmoil within Argentina? It is well known, of course, that the fascist elements in Argentina are being closely backed by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Many of the so-called communists who are being persecuted and imprisoned are Protestants or are those who have rebelled against the clerical political controls, and although they may have no religious attachments, they are **not** communists.

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Replying to a charge of racial discrimination, the assistant director of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Bowman C. Crowell, said, "It is true that we have admitted a very few Negroes in the past years, but . . . there is no discrimination as to color and the same qualifications must be presented in the case of all applicants for fellowships."

This acceptance of Negro surgeons by the American College of Surgeons will have wide influence in encouragement to Negro youth and in the general attitude toward Negro doctors all over America.

Labor-Management Council

An advisory council, representing a large union organization and some important corporations, to deal with labor problems has been formed by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) and the American Machine & Foundry Co., International Projector Corp., Intertype Corp., Mergenthaler Linotype Co. and A. Schrader's Son division of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., Inc. This council will, its creators believe, make it possible to settle labor differences and problems in the plants of the member concerns without the need for governmental intervention.

Representatives of the corporations state that they "believe in responsible labor unions" and in the principle of "a fair day's pay for a fair day's work." Union leaders affirm "the right of the employer to operate at a profit" and "the inherent right and responsibility of management to direct the operations of an enterprise."

Besides acting as arbitrator in disputes, the council will also make studies and surveys and help to develop community standards of employment, exclusive of wages and job classifications.

Missionaries' Help Asked

Christian missionaries who remained in Japan during the war were invited to the official residence of the former Japanese premier, Prince Higashi-Kuni. Apologies were offered for the inconveniences and unpleasant experiences they suffered during the war, and a plea was made that they continue with their work to help counteract the "severely deteriorated morality" of the Japanese people.

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The Fate of the Big Inch

The public is being made the victim of costly and unnecessary competition between big oil companies and the railroads and the coal interests. Remember the two oil pipe lines built, at the cost of millions of taxpayers' dollars, to carry oil to the east coast during the Nazi U-boat days? Now since oil tankers and railroads can carry the oil again, the government's Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which has been largely under the influence of big business, has classified these pipe lines as surplus property instead of using them to bring oil and gas to market at cheaper rates to the consumer.

The big oil companies want the pipe lines scrapped so that small independent companies can't have access to cheap oil distribution and thus threaten Standard-Shell eastern oil monopolies. The big oil companies control tanker fleets and can curry favors from the railroads. Shipping oil by pipe costs only a fraction of shipment by tanker and railroad. Added to this, the eastern coal companies, supported for once by John L. Lewis and his miners, do not want cheaper oil and gas in the east to threaten coal prices. A Congressional committee under Senator O'Mahoney is digging into the situation, hoping to force a decision that will protect the taxpayer and consumer—who, after all, pay the bills for pipe lines, oil companies, railroads et al.

Religion for CIO Members

The CIO recently held a conference of its union heads, local officers and shop stewards at Antioch college in Ohio. Courses of study were offered in many fields of community life. John G. Ramsay, a Christian layman associated with the CIO in its department of church and religious relationships, gave a course on the subject of religion and labor. It is significant to note that this course was one of the most largely attended and closely followed of all the subjects offered.

Profit Sharing

Many big business leaders didn't like the ideas of Eric Johnston who recently resigned from the presidency of the National Chamber of Commerce. This gives you an idea why some personages in Wall Street didn't like him:

Mr. Johnston, himself an important manufacturer, planned for the employees in his electrical concerns to share in the profits, setting aside 25 per cent of the net profits after taxes to be distributed to the employees on the basis of seniority and wages. Strangely enough, a group of the employees protested this arrangement. They said the stockholders weren't being adequately protected. They suggested that six per cent of the net profits be set aside for the stockholders first, before any division of profits was made among the employees.

Mr. Johnston was reasonable with his workers and wanted to share the profits from their labors with them. In turn his workers were reasonable with their boss and were concerned to keep the company on firm ground for the future. Mr. Johnston's company has had no labor trouble and his business prospers. Why can't other business leaders learn?

Segregation Decision

Presbyterian sources reveal that a church of that denomination in one southern community in North Carolina has boldly faced a situation involving racial segregation at church services and has come out with an unequivocal reply. Perhaps the oustanding feature involved in this matter is the recognition given to the fact that, in the interests of all, Negroes will not and should not abandon their own community centers, but that at the same time no "sincere worshiper" should be turned from the doors of any church.

A church member had protested Negro attendance at some of the church conferences and worship services. As a result of this protest, church officials gave careful study to Presbyterian creeds, constitution and history. Convinced, after this study, that segregation regulations were not defensible, the session and minister issued the following statement:

"This church does not encourage Negroes to desert their own churches for membership or worship in this church. On the other hand, we do not close our doors or discriminate against or receive with aught but the spirit of Christian brotherhood any sincere worshiper who may present himself. The officers . . . openly acknowledge the responsibility of the church to stand for the economic, educational, political, social and religious progress of all peoples regardless of race, color or creed."

Nisei GI's

While a so-called patriotic American was jailed recently for "using profane and indecent language" in an outburst of threats directed at a Japanese-American family, thousands of Caucasian GI's on the docks of New York cheered nisei GI heroes as they came down the gangplank from Italy. The jailed American had insulted Army Pvt. Yoshio Matsuoka and threatened to have his father's home burned down. Pvt. Matsuoka had just returned to the United States after ten months in a German prison camp.

And, abroad, nisei troops were chosen by the Army Command to lead the V-J parade in northern Italy. They had spearheaded the attacks that opened the way to Strasbourg, and they had rescued from the Nazis the famous lost battalion of the 37th Infantry,—at a cost to themselves of 2,300 casualties in three weeks.

Major General Clayton Bisell, head of military intelligence, recently told a group of nisei soldiers that they were absolutely essential to a successful occupation of Japan and the winning of the peace, and that the record of all nisei in the American armed forces is one to be proud of. "If anyone ever looks at you and questions your loyalty to America," he said, "don't bother to answer back. They'll find out in time."

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